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Kemira Chemicals Takes Pride in its Reputation as a Good Corporate Citizen of Cobb County

Kemira Chemicals, Inc., has earned tremendous respect in its industry and our community for improving safety, reducing waste and building a reputation as a good corporate citizen of Cobb County.

"The Marietta Technical Center and Manufacturing Plant at 1525 Church Street Extension houses research, scientific and production facilities," said Plant Manager Malcolm Pickelsimer. "We currently produce an assortment of polymer products that play an important role in a variety of industries, including mining, textiles, pulp and paper, paint, adhesives and water treatment."

For example, the defoamers produced at the facility serve to prevent suds from developing and causing problems in paper manufacturing and food processing plants. Other products, known as dispersants, keep paint pigments or minerals from settling to the bottom of solutions in which they are suspended. The facility's deinking products help remove ink from paper during recycling processes. It also makes polymers that go into detergents to ensure that dirt gets

rinsed away with water instead of being redeposited on clothing when people do their laundry. Other products called biocides help prevent mold and slime from forming in the cooling towers of large buildings and in other specialty applications.

Yet, despite the fact that the facility utilizes a wide range of complex chemicals in manufacturing these and other products, the plant has succeeded in dramatically reducing waste products associated with its processes during the last few years.

"We reduced waste from 12 tanker truckloads per year to less than five drums per year in recent years," said Jim Anderson, the plant's health, safety and environmental specialist. "We also operate our own wastewater pretreatment system to prevent any unwanted chemicals from reaching the county's water treatment facilities."

The facility has also demonstrated its commitment to its employees by placing a strong emphasis on safety. Kemira executives credit the efforts of each employee and the dedicated members of its Safety Committee with helping the plant achieve an astonishing safety record.



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ADCO International Plastics Corporation has enjoyed remarkable success in recent years by providing a wide array of products to customers that range from multinational corporations to aspiring entrepreneurs.

"ADCO has provided full service injection molding of high-grade thermoplastic resins, commodity grade resins, engineered resins and thermoplastic rubber to a diverse range of clients for nearly 30 years," said Robert Adam, ADCO Director of Operations. "We specialize in manufacturing plastic parts for appliances, watercraft, aircraft, consumer products and many other applications."

Robert's father, Jack Adam, founded the company in 1974. Originally from Scotland, where he worked as a toolmaker for Rolls Royce, Jack Adam moved to the United States in the 1960s. After working with Lockheed on the C-5 for several years, someone approached Jack and asked him if he could make a mold to be used to manufacture a plastic casing for a new type of product. Jack accepted the challenge and soon developed a mold to produce casings for early Texas Instruments handheld calculators.

Today, the company that Jack Adam started with one injection molding machine and one product operates 22 machines ranging from 25 to 400 tons. ADCO currently manufactures approximately 200 different products on a regular basis. Its major customers include Yamaha, Blue Bird, Lockheed-Martin, Hoshizaki America and other leading manufacturers from around the world.

"Large companies account for approximately 60 percent of our business," Robert Adam said. "The other 40 percent comes from smaller companies and entrepreneurs."

He credits much of this success to the diverse team of 35 people from all over the world that ADCO employs at its headquarters on Sandtown Road. The company has employees from Yugoslavia, Cambodia, Vietnam, Jamaica, Mexico and several South American countries. In addition, Nicole Douse, who came to this country from Haiti, will soon celebrate her 20-year anniversary with ADCO.

"We definitely have a family atmosphere here," Robert Adam said. "We have a party once a month to celebrate the birthdays of everyone born in that month, and people usually bring in food that reflects their cultural background. It makes it a fun place to work."

He added that ADCO considers Marietta Power to be part of its extended family.

"Marietta Power has provided us with reliable electrical service for as long as I can remember," Robert Adam said. "They have always been very responsive to our needs. For example, in the late 1990s, we had a transformer blow at the street. Marietta Power responded quickly and had the transformer fixed within hours. With Marietta Power's help, we got back up and running with a minimum of down time."

To learn more about ADCO, please visit www.adcoplastics.com. ✨

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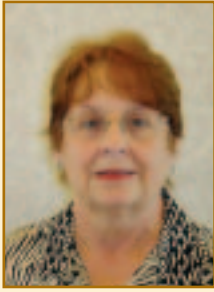
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Employee Profile



Sue South

Sue South Relishes Her Role as a Problem Solver for Customers of City Utilities

Sue South always looks forward to the next call and the next customer in her position as Customer Service Clerk 2 for the City of Marietta.

"I like talking to all the different people I encounter in my work," Sue said. "I am especially proud when a customer has a real problem and I can help get it resolved for them."

Her primary responsibilities involve helping to set up new service for residential and commercial accounts, and assisting less experienced customer service clerks in keeping customer information up to date. She also plays a role in administering the Power Manager electrical system utilized in some local apartment communities. The system allows residents to pay for electricity in increments by purchasing power on a card similar to a phone card. Residents then swipe the card on a special reader installed in their apartment to receive credit for the

amount of power purchased. The card reader also alerts residents when their credit level runs low.

"If a machine doesn't work for some reason or doesn't read a card properly, I help the customer resolve the problem," Sue said.

Sue joined the City of Marietta team in 1992 after more than 25 years in the insurance industry. She started as a cashier and became a Clerk 1 just over a year later. She remained in that role for five years before becoming a Clerk 2.

"I feel very fortunate to work with the people I do," Sue said. "Everyone who works with the city is very supportive and always there-when-you-need-them."

As a member of the board of the Marietta Employees Charitable Contribution Account (MECCA), Sue also falls into the "there when you need them" category. City employees created MECCA to assist coworkers who experience unexpected financial hardships as a result of illness or other circumstances beyond their control.

"I have served on the MECCA board for more than five years and am very honored to have the opportunity," Sue said. "I feel very fortunate to be a part of the City of Marietta team and I'm glad to serve in a position in which I can help other city employees who need some assistance to get through difficult times."

An Atlanta native who moved to Cobb County in 1963, Sue spends most of her time involved in family activities when she isn't solving problems for customers of Marietta's city-owned utilities. She and husband, Mike, enjoy browsing through flea markets together. Sue and her 11-year-old granddaughter, Haley, enjoy frequent movie outings. She also likes spending as much time as possible with her daughters, Kathy and Angie and her son, Shane. Her other grandchildren include grandson, Christopher, who is now in his fourth year at the University of Georgia, and granddaughter, Kayla, who lives in the Bahamas. ✎

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In addition to supporting the community in this and other ways, Kemira Chemicals continues a long history of manufacturing operations at the site, which was once the geographic center of the "lost township" of

Elizabeth – a community that became part of Marietta many years ago. A manufacturing facility of one kind or another has occupied the site since 1885, when the Georgia Marble Company established a marble cutting and polishing facility at the location. In fact, the original building erected by Georgia Marble still houses some of Kemira's operations. It also once housed a textile-sizing operation.

The facility shifted to polymer production in the mid 1970s after Colloids, Inc., acquired the property. It since changed hands several times before Kemira acquired the facility from Vinings Industries in 2002.

The plant has also relied on Marietta Power to supply it with electricity for as long as anyone can remember.

"We have an excellent relationship with Marietta Power," Pickelsimer said. "On the rare occasion when we have had an outage, such as when someone crashed into a nearby power pole, Marietta Power has responded quickly and restored power as quickly as humanly possible." ✎

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October 2 and 3

Harvest Square Arts & Crafts Festival

Marietta Square

Free

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Call (770) 794-5601 for information

October 6

Senior Adult Catfish Round-Up

Laurel Park

Marietta

8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Free

Call (770) 794-5601 for information

October 8 and 9

Cobb County Classic Rodeo

Jim R. Miller Park

Marietta

8 p.m.

\$12 adults; \$10 children; under 5 free

Call (770) 684-7277 for information

October 8 through November 6

Death in England

Class Act Theatre

Marietta

Friday, Saturday, 8 p.m.,

Sunday, 3 p.m.

\$15 to \$18

Call (770) 579-3156 for information

October 9 and 10

*The Georgia Ballet's "Paquita" and
"Carnival of the Animals"*

Cobb Civic Center

Marietta

\$16-\$26

Call (770) 425-0258 for information.

October 23

Halloween Happenings

Glover Park

Marietta

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Free

Call (770) 794-5601 for information

October 30 and 31

Cobb County Library Book Sale

Jim R. Miller Park

Marietta

Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.,

Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Call (770) 528-2342 for information

October 31

Fall Festival of Fun

Jim R. Miller Park

Marietta

3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Call (770) 528-8875 for information

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